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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appln No.: 10/628,073 )  
Applicants: LaPlace )  
Filed: July 25, 2003 )  
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD )  
FOR AUTOMATED FORMING OF )  
SLEEVES FOR SLICED )  
PRODUCTS )  
TC/A.U.: 3721 )  
Examiner: Durand, Paul R. )  
Docket No.: 67505 )  
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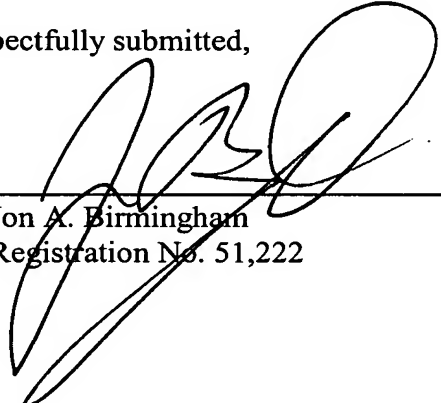
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office action mailed June 24, 2004.  
The Applicant hereby elects claims 1-12 for prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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